Construction begins on facilities for mothers

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A "groundbreaking" ceremony took place on the third floor of Evans Army Community Hospital last month. This new construction will provide new facilities as well as increased capacities for the Mother and Baby Unit and Labor and Delivery sections.

The Mother Baby Unit will increase from 16 to 22 beds. The special care nursery will increase from six beds to eight, and the non-stress test clinic will increase from four to six beds. The renovation will also create a modern and more home-like atmosphere.

"We have a long way to go but we have the right team in place" said EACH Commander Col. Kelly Wolgast. "This is an example of the clinical and analytical worlds coming together to make things happen. This is a needed upgrade to our hospital and will go a long way to meeting the needs of our patients and making them feel more comfortable."

The facilities are expected to be complete in February 2009. EACH also celebrated its

22nd Anniversary on the Mountain Post. Wolgast and Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Wilken opened the celebration by thanking the hospital's longtime friends for participating and welcoming the hospital personnel as they joined the hospital's command team on the west side patio.



Col. Kelly Wolgast, Evans Army Community Hospital commander, strikes a wall while breaking ground on new construction on the third floor.